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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment, and reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of the allowance of claims 1-9 and 12-15.

By the present amendment, claims 10 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice to applicants right to proceed with the subject matter of these or related claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, by virtue of the cancellation of these claims, which are the only claims which were rejected in the Office Action, entry of this amendment and allowance of this application with the allowed claims 1-9 and 12-15 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Kindly charge any shortage in the fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 1374.43896X00).

Respectfully submitted.

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